Base and Competitive Funding Grants Process

Congressionally Authorized Funding Section 319 (h)

- Section 518 originally set a funding cap on Section 319 funds awarded to Tribes of 1/3 of 1 percent of available 319 funding.
- Congress authorized exceeding this cap, so EPA has increased funding for the Tribal NPS Program every year since 2000.



Section 319 Funding for Tribal Programs

Base grant

- \$30,000 for Tribes with 1,000 mi² or less
- \$50,000 for Tribes with more than 1,000 mi²

Competitive grant

- up to \$150,000 to implement on-theground water quality improvement projects

Match Required

- Non-federal match = 40%
- Demonstrate financial hardship = 10%
- Inclusion in a PPG = 5%

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Base Funding in FY2008

- 115 Tribes received \$3.8 million in base funding (up from 112 Tribes in FY07)
- Region 1: 5
- > Region 8: **15**
- ➤ Region 2: 1
- > Region 9: **59**
- ➤ Region 4: 4
- > Region 10: **23**
- ➤ Region 5: 6
- ➤ Region 6: 2
- > Region 7: 0



Base Funding Activities

- Fund a NPS Coordinator
- Conducting NPS education programs
- Provide training or attend training
- Updating NPS management plan
- Developing or implementing watershed based plans
- Other NPS watershed projects

Process For Base Grants

 Prepare your workplan according to the guidelines in the October 25, 2006 Federal Register Notice

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Guidelines for Awarding Clean Water Act Section 319 Base Grants to Indian Tribes and Request for Proposals From Indian Tribes for Competitive Grants Under Clean Water Act Section 319 in PY 2007 (CFDA 66.460— Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants: Funding Opportunity Number EPA—OW—OWOW—07-1)

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in the amount of \$30,000 or \$50,000 of Federal section 319 funding (depending on land area). Section 319 base funds may be used for a range of activities that implement the Tribe's approved NPS management program, including: Hiring a program coordinator, conducting NPS education programs: providing training and authorized travel to attend training; updating the NPS management program, including the NPS management program; where the second plans; and implementing, alone or in conjunction with other agencies or other funding sources, watershed-based plans and on-

Process For Base Grants

1. a) If Watershed-based Plan Development

must include a commitment to incorporate the 9 components of a watershed based plan

1. b) If Watershed-based Plan Implementation

must be accompanied by a statement from the Region saying the plan meets the 9 elements of a watershed based plan

- 2. Submit either a hard copy or electronic copy of your workplan to your Tribal NPS Coordinator (no faxes accepted)
- 3. Region reviews workplan and requests revisions or clarifications if needed
- 4. Tribe submits final workplan for approval

Tentative 319 Base Grant FY09 Schedule Date for Tribes to be eligible for 319 October 10, 2008 grants December 5, 2008 Deadline for workplan proposals (anticipated) January 14, 2009 Region provides comments on proposed workplan (anticipated) Tribes submit final workplans to February 13, 2009 Region (anticipated) Tribes submit final grant application April 1, 2009 (anticipated) 23 to Region

What's Funded Under the 319 Competitive Grant?

- Development of a watershed-based plan (WBP) (up to 20%) and implementation of a WBP
- Development of a WBP and implementation of a watershed project
- 3. Implementation of a WBP
- Implementation of a watershed project that is a significant step towards solving NPS impairments on a watershed basis

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Preparing a Proposal

Read Guidelines Carefully!

- ✓ Deadlines
- ✓ Threshold Criteria
- ✓ Signed SF-424
- ✓ Electronic submission to Grants.gov OR hard copy to Region
- ✓ Competition Policy



Preparing a Proposal

DETERMINED AT THE REGIONAL EPA OFFICE

Threshold Evaluation Criteria

- > \$150,000 max federal dollars
- Fund activities related to waters within a reservation
- Develops or implements a watershedbased plan OR implements a watershed project that is a significant step towards solving NPS impairments on a watershedwide basis
- Work plans must be consistent w/ Tribe's NPS management program and include required work plan elements

Proposal Evaluation

Project Review Committee

- Regional NPS Coordinators
- Regional Tribal Coordinators
- > NPS staff from HQ
- > Staff from the American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)

Addressing The Evaluation Factors

- The Project Review Committee evaluates and scores proposals according to how well the evaluation factors are addressed
- Some evaluation factors are "worth more" than other evaluation factors
- No page limit on proposal
- Reviewers will most likely have no knowledge of your program

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Proposal Selection

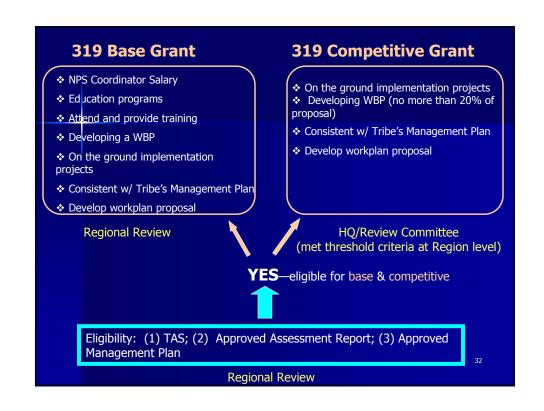
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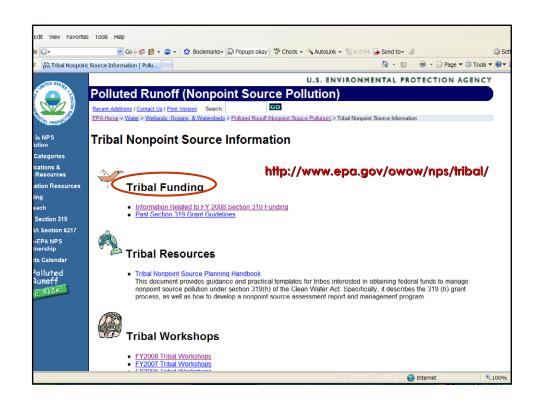
- Members individually determine scores on evaluation factors for all proposals
- All member scores are averaged and ranked
- Proposals are awarded in rank order until funding is gone

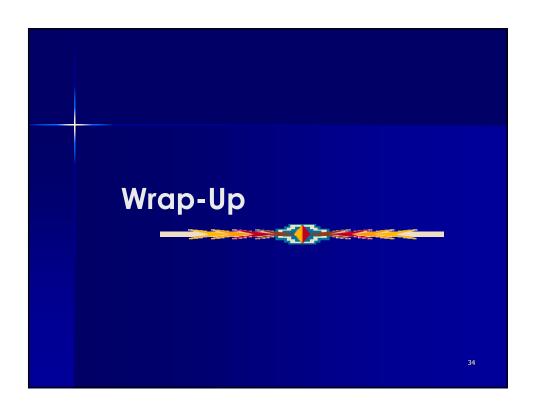
NOTE: In addition to rankings, the Committee may give priority consideration to high quality work plans designed to develop or implement a watershed-based plan

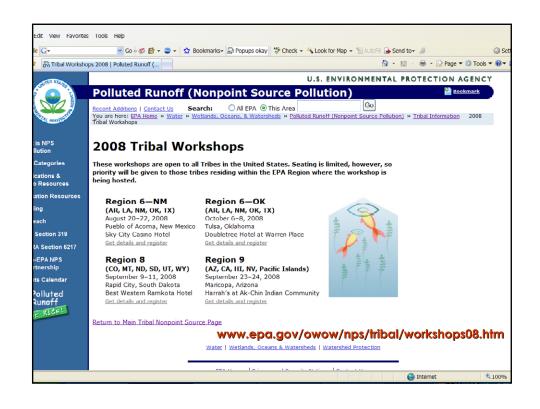


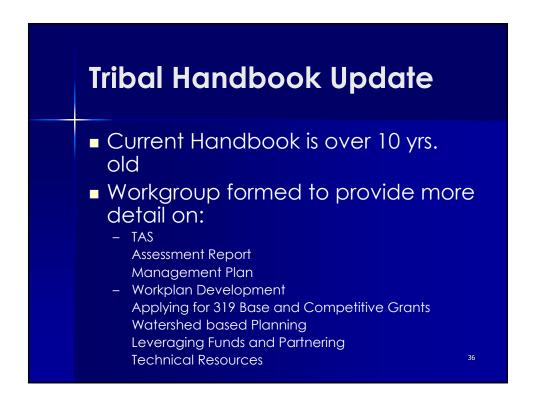
| Tentative 319 Competitive Grant FY09 Schedule | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Date for Tribes to be eligible for 319 grants | October 10, 2008 |
| Deadline for proposals (hard copy to Region OR electronically through Grants.gov) | December 5, 2008 (anticipated) |
| Headquarters notifies Regions/Tribes of selections for grants | March 2, 2009 (anticipated) |
| Tribes submit final grant application to Region. | April 1, 2009 (anticipated) |













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Webinar Evaluation

